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No. F. 8(39)-P/49.—The question of tenancy and agrarian reforms in Patiala and East Punjab States Union has been engaging the attention of the State Government for some time now. An Ordinance issued by the Rajpramukh on August 15, 1949, dealt with the question of the occupancy tenancy and sought to confer permanent rights on the occupancy tenants by partitioning the land between the Biswedar and the occupants. The Ordinance, however, deals only with a small percentage of the cultivable land in Patiala and East Punjab States Union. The problem so far as it related to other classes of tenants and the general question of introducing some sort of uniformity in the land tenure systems existing in the various parts of the State remain to be settled. The Government of India are of the view that a decision in a matter of such importance affecting the economic and social life of agricultural and other rural classes should not be taken without ascertaining all the relevant facts and carefully considering them and that the appointment of a Committee of Enquiry would be the best method of ensuring this.

2. At the request of the PEPSU Government, the Government of India have accordingly decided to appoint a Committee with the following terms of reference:—

- (1) To examine the existing tenancy relationships (other than the rights of occupancy) in land in the Patiala and East Punjab States Union and to propose such changes in them as may be necessary;
- (2) To examine the existing system of land tenure in Patiala and East Punjab States Union; and
- (3) To propose such changes in it as may be necessary, keeping in view the requirements of the agricultural economy and the welfare of different sections of the Rural populations.

v. The Committee will consist of the following:—

Shri C. S. Venkatachar, I.C.S., Regional Commissioner and
Adviser, Rajasthan *Chairman.*

Shri J. M. Shrinagesh, I.C.S., Commissioner, Jullundur)
Division, Punjab.
Sardar Tarlok Singh, I.C.S., Deputy Secretary to the }
Planning Commission. *Members.*

Sardar Rajbir Singh Kang *Secretary*

The Committee has been requested to complete its work and submit a report as soon as possible.

N. M. BUCH, Joint Secy.